

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
: Kimiyuki ITO, et al. :  
: Serial No.: Divisional of Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Appn. Serial No. 08/693,717 :  
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: For: UNDERCOAT LAYER AND INTERMEDIATE LAYER FOR PHOTORESISTIVE  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 5: change "possess" to --possesses--.

Page 24, line 12, change "tantalumdoped" to --tantalum doped--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 15 and 18-21, as follows:

15. (Amended) The photosensitive member of claim 13,

wherein the tantalum doped tin oxide is a tin oxide doped with [about] 0.1 to [about] 10  
[percentage-by weight] percentage-by-weight tantalum [metal].